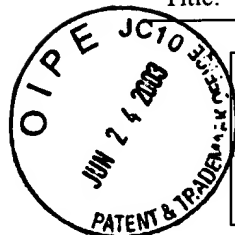


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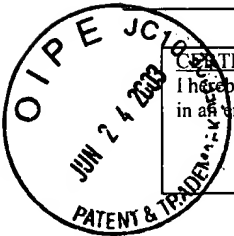


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Dear Sir:

In response to the (second) Restriction Requirement mailed May 19, 2003, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-10), which are drawn to a filter construction.

This election is made without prejudice to presenting the non-elected claims in a divisional application. Specifically, while Applicants make the election indicated herein, Applicants maintain the option to file a divisional application directed to the claims of Group II, drawn to a disk drive assembly.



Respectfully submitted,

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